

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A first communication device comprising:
means for receiving an instant messaging (IM) message; message from a sender directed to a first IM address;
means for conveying the IM message to a second IM address on a second communication device. device; and
means for indicating to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

2. (Currently Amended) A first communication device comprising:
receive logic configured to ~~receive receive, from a sender,~~ an instant messaging (IM) message; message directed to a first IM address; and
convey logic configured to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communication device. device; and
indicate logic configured to indicate to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the convey logic is further configured to automatically convey the IM message to the second communication device.

4. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~comprising the steps of:~~
comprising:

receiving an instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being intended for a recipient; and recipient at a first IM address;
conveying the IM message to a second IM address on a second communication device;
device; and

indicating to the second communication device that the message originated from the
sender.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
determining presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device
prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

6. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~comprising the steps of:~~
comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient
having IM addresses; addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM
addresses for delivering the IM message;

determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and
conveying the received IM message to the IM addresses at which the recipient is
present. present; and

indicating to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~comprising the steps of:~~
comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient
having IM addresses; addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM
addresses for delivering the IM message;

determining a last active time for each of the IM addresses; and
conveying the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active
~~time. time;~~ and

indicating to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further ~~comprising the step of:~~
comprising:

determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining
the last active time; and

wherein ~~the step of~~ determining the last active time comprises ~~the step of~~ determining
the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~the step of~~ conveying the
received IM message ~~comprises the step of:~~ comprises:

conveying the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present,
the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further ~~comprising the step of:~~
comprising:

determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and addresses,

wherein ~~the step of~~ conveying the received IM message comprises ~~the step of~~ conveying
the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising:
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being sent by

a sender and intended for a recipient; and recipient at a first IM address;
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the IM
message to a second communication device. device at a second IM address; and
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to indicate to a
second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, further
comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine
presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying the
IM message to the second communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising:
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an
instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses;
addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for
delivering the IM message;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a last
active time for each of the IM addresses; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the
received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time. time; and
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to indicate to a
second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further
comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active time; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.